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CHEROKEE, FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SHADRIN CASE: FRG RECEPTIVITY TO GUILLAUME TRADE

1. I REALIZE WE HAVE HAD NEGATIVE INDICATIONS OF FRG RECEPTIVITY TO A PROPOSAL FOR OFFERING TO TRADE GUILLAUME FOR SHADRIN, BUT SHADRIN'S LAWYER, RICHARD COPAKEN, IS NOW ASSERTING THAT GERMAN SOURCES TELL HIM SCHMIDT WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO THE IDEA. COPAKEN CLAIMS TO KNOW THAT SCHMIDT OR A MEMBER OF HIS PARTY INDICATED THIS TO A JOURNALIST FROM STERN DURING THE RETURN FLIGHT AFTER THE VISIT HERE. I DID NOT RAISE THE MATTER DURING THE VISIT.

2. COPAKEN ALSO SAYS MRS. SHADRIN IS PLANNING A PUBLIC APPEAL TO THE FRG THROUGH STERN MAGAZINE. THIS COULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO RAISE THE MATTER BY
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INFORMING THE FRG THAT WE HAVE HEARD OF THIS PLAN AND WANT, IN THE EVENT, TO COORDINATE OUR RESPONSES. I WOULD LEAVE IT TO YOU TO CHOOSE HOW AND WHOM YOU WOULD APPROACH. THE POINT WOULD BE TO GET SCHMIDT'S REACTION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A TRADE. IF FAVORABLE, SUBJECT TO FRG THOUGHTS, WE MIGHT THEN TRY VOGEL IN FLOATING THE IDEA TO THE SOVIETS.

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3. IF YOU PERCEIVE NO OBJECTION, GO AHEAD AS YOU SEE BEST IN APPROACHING THE GERMANS. PLEASE KEEP ME INFORMED IN THIS CHANNEL. VANCE

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